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Response

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of January 31, 2006. For the reasons presented herein, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections are improper and should be withdrawn, and favorable reconsideration of this application is requested,